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# MACHINE GUN MUSLIM YOBS

**Top cop is probed over racist jibes**

**EXCLUSIVE**  
■ by JAMES WICKHAM

A SENIOR policeman was at the centre of a race row last night after he allegedly suggested Muslim yobs should be shot with machineguns. Supt Dave Keller, of the Manchester force, is said to have made the remarks about troublemakers at the city's Eid Festival. Supt Keller is now being investigated for allegedly saying the best way to avoid trouble was to "shoot them before they get a chance to come into our city centre".

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# SAVAGED

## War probe chief blasts Blair and his cronies



by **MACER HALL**  
Political Editor

**TONY Blair's style of Government was savaged yesterday by a former chief of the Civil Service.**

Lord Butler accused the Prime Minister of being obsessed with "selling, central control and headlines".

The highly-respected peer, who headed the inquiry into the war in Iraq, tore into Mr Blair for running the country with a close circle of cronies while ignoring Cabinet, experienced civil servants and Parliament.

Westminster was last night astonished by the unusually strong condemnation from a former head of the Civil Service.

Tories called the attack "devastating". Lord Butler said: "There is too little of what I would describe as reasoned deliberation which brings in all the arguments."

He added: "The Cabinet now, and I don't think there's any secret about it, doesn't make decisions."

The peer also blasted Labour's recruitment of dozens of political special advisers to help Ministers "spin" news stories favourable to the Government.

### Action

Lord Butler said: "The Government reaches conclusions in rather small groups of people who are not necessarily representative of all the groups of interests in Government."

The peer added that Parliament was "shameful" in failing to keep a check on the Government.

Earlier this year Lord Butler criticised Mr Blair's style of Government during his inquiry into the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

His return to the public fray yesterday indicates his fury that his criticisms were not taken seriously by Downing Street.

Lord Butler's surprise broadside came in an interview with Boris Johnson, editor of the Spectator magazine.

Tory co-chairman Liam Fox said: "Lord Butler's comments confirm what everyone in Britain knows - that Tony Blair's Government has got its priorities wrong."

"People want less talk and more action and a Government that tackles the issues that matter."

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**UNDER FIRE:** Tony Blair's "spin" style was slammed by Lord Butler, above

## Blunkett's job bid



**SKILL:** Blunkett

DAVID Blunkett wants to take over Chancellor Gordon Brown's job.

And the scandal-rocked Home Secretary also believes he could mount a "serious challenge" to become Prime Minister.

The revelations come in his controversial biography, in which he slaps off his Cabinet colleagues. The book is published next week.

But yesterday Tony Blair made a show of support to Blunkett, praising his "skill and dedication".

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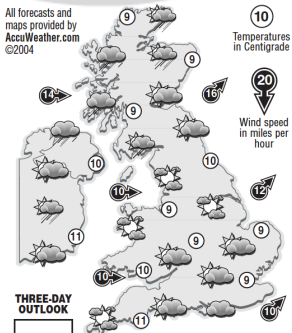
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**OUTLOOK:** Cloudy but dry and bright. A slight risk of drizzle over the Lake District and Northern Ireland.

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DECEMBER 4

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EXTRA: 1, 2, 13, 21, 32, 43 T-Ball 4, 10, 27, 31, 34 (Tb 9)

No Extra winners. One T-Ball winner gets £250,000

### WEDNESDAY LOTTO

DECEMBER 8

**11 12 16 26 35 39 34**

Two share £3m jackpot

EXTRA: 10, 18, 19, 37, 43, 48 T-Ball: 6, 14, 24, 26, 27 (Tb 11)

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# POLICE TO CALL TIME ON KIDDIE DRINKERS

**PUBS that persistently let under-age youths buy booze will be shut down by police.**

Tony Blair unveiled the tough measure yesterday as part of a crackdown on the spiralling drink culture.

A court ruling is currently needed to take action against pubs and clubs that let youngsters run riot. But Mr Blair wants to give police the power to close offending premises instantly.

He said it was a direct message to landlords, telling them: "You cannot do this."

## Binge

"You cannot sell alcohol to young people under the age that the law stipulates and get away with it."

Ministers fear increasing numbers of teenagers are getting hooked on binge boozing.

They spend hours downing strong drinks before spilling onto the streets and causing trouble.

Violent crime linked to alcohol has soared by 10% over the past year, according to Home Office figures.

Mr Blair announced the new crackdown with Home Secretary David Blunkett at the Purple Bar in Sheffield. Under the scheme, police will be able to order pubs to shut for 24 hours on the spot without having to apply to a magistrate.

He said: "People should be able to go out and enjoy themselves but do so in a responsible way with respect for other people."

But Shadow Home Sec-

by MACER HALL  
Political Editor

retary David Davis ridiculed the measure as a "stunt".

He said: "The Government has form for making headline-grabbing annou-

ncements on issues like this, only to fail to back them up with action.

"They say they want to get tough while simultaneously are preparing to unleash 24-hour pubs and clubs on our towns and cities."

## Tackle

He added: "Current police powers to tackle alcohol-related crime are not being used."

"Conservatives would cut police paperwork to free them up to tackle drink-related crime."

The British Beer and Pub Association said that only a "small proportion" of the country's 60,000 pubs served underage youths.

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## Watch return home

by ROSS KANIUK

THE first group of Black Watch soldiers landed back from Iraq yesterday. They returned to the UK as the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment prepared to head out there.

Around 24 battle-scarred members of the Watch arrived back at their base in Warminster, Wilts, to an emotional reception.

## Tour

The rest will return from Basra this weekend.

The Scottish regiment has just completed a high-profile tour of duty in Iraq's Triangle of Death, supporting US forces.

Five soldiers were killed during the operation. Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon will announce reforms next week which could see the regiment axed.

Meanwhile, hundreds of troops from the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment are making final preparations for a six-month deployment in Iraq.

More than 500 soldiers from the 2nd Battalion of the Regiment, based near Market Drayton, Shrops, are being sent out.

THE Royal Air Force is to make 2,750 of its personnel redundant and reduce recruitment targets. It is part of a Ministry of Defence drive to lower RAF numbers from 48,900 to 41,000 by 2008, while "embracing technology".

## M1 peak practice

A MOTORWAY lane for people who share cars at peak times is to open on the M1.

The lane will operate from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm for cars carrying two or more people.

It will come into effect between junctions 7 and 10 - Milton Keynes, Bucks, to St Albans, Herts.

It will be a normal lane outside these hours.

Transport Secretary Alistair Darling said: "These lanes have been used to great effect both in America and Australia and could play a key role in reducing congestion."

## RATES ON HOLD

THE Bank of England has kept interest rates at 4.75% for the fourth month in a row to signal an economic slowdown.

STAR NEWS

PUCKER UP: Britney plants a big smacker on her husband Kevin at the awards bash



## A Brit leggy

OOPS she's done it again! Pop Princess Britney gave grateful fans a great look at her gorgeous pins. It was the star's first public appearance since she got wed.

But the 23-year-old showed that she isn't going to cover up just because she's a married woman.

And Brit's skimpy lace dress certainly got her noticed at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas. Brit, married to dancer Kevin Federline, 26, presented Kanye West with his award for rap artist of the year.

by JENNY WATSON

shouting "I love you" at her cheering fans in the live telly audience.

And she later picked up an award herself - Hot Dance Sales Single of the Year for Me Against the Music, featuring Madonna.

But Usher dominated the glittering evening, picking up 11 awards.

The 26-year-old opened the show, dropping from the ceiling on a suspended pole before dancing with girls in hot-pants and snow boots.



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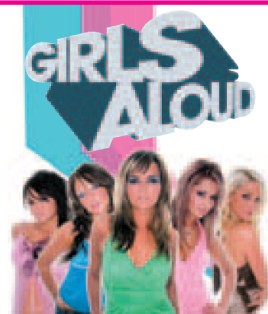




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**SHOWTIME:**  
Brit's sexy  
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# Will the funniest man in Britain please stand up

# VIVA LAFFS VEGAS

■ by TOM SAVAGE

**GUINNESS-loving comic Johnny Vegas is officially the funniest man in Britain.**

The roly-poly star came ahead of Brass Eye creator Chris Morris and Phoenix Nights star Peter Kay in a vote to find the UK's greatest comic.

He also came out ahead of stars like The Office's Ricky Gervais and Shaun Of The Dead's Simon Pegg.

The Daily Star broke the good news to 34-year-old Johnny over a pint in a London pub yesterday – and he wasn't in the mood to play down his achievement.

He said: "I'm chuffed to bits. That's great, isn't it? I guess you're supposed to be magnanimous in moments like these aren't you?"

"Well sod it! I've worked too long and too hard for it. I'm going to get T-shirts printed up, and you just wait 'til I see Ricky Gervais." Apart from his famous "Monkey"

ITV Digital ads, Johnny's stand-up act, appearances on chat shows and a new film with Johnny Depp have helped to make him a massive star.

His fans can look forward to seeing far more of him soon in The Libertine – the film with Depp – and new telly series Dead Man Weds hit the screens.

## Swine

Johnny said: "The film looks great and Johnny Depp's such a great bloke."

"I wanted him to be a swine but he's not. It's a shame."

Dead Man Weds sees him play a slobbish local newspaper man who feels put out when a Fleet Street veteran, played by Phoenix Nights's Dave Spikey, comes in as his boss.

The ITV1 show starts its run next month.

Chain-smoking Johnny, born in St Helens, Merseyside, is also working with Chris Evans on a late night chat show for Channel 4 next summer.

## Blurred

Vegas, whose real name is Michael Pennington, was originally meant to be a character.

But he admitted the boundaries between the two had blurred over the years.

He said: "When I was young I did get badly beaten up once and hospitalised."

"I went through a year of being really timid, and I think doing Johnny allowed me to be as confrontational on stage as I'd like to be in real life."

Tim Lewis of men's magazine Esquire, which carried out the poll, said: "Johnny Vegas is the darkest and most brilliant comedian in Britain today."

CHEERS: Vegas gets the news from our man Tom Savage

Pictures: WAYNE STARR



## TOP 10 FUNNYMEN

- 1 Johnny Vegas (stand-up, actor)
- 2 Chris Morris (Brass Eye)
- 3 Peter Kay (stand-up, Phoenix Nights)
- 4 Jon Link & Mick Bunnage (cartoonists and comic writers)
- 5 Simon Pegg (actor)
- 6 Matthew Holness & Richard Ayoade (Channel 4 sitcom Darkplace)
- 7 Sacha Baron Cohen (Ali G)
- 8 Jonathan Ross (TV and radio host)
- 9 Ricky Gervais (stand-up and The Office)
- 10 Stewart Lee (stand-up and creator of Jerry Springer: The Opera)

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## Pub law is no answer

**POLICE are getting powers to call time on pubs that serve under-age drinkers.**

That's the latest blast in the Government's war on teenage binge boozing.

*It's true the lout culture is running out of control.*

In every town and city, a few hardened idiots are causing Friday and Saturday night mayhem for the rest.

But this latest crackdown is a step too far.

Bobbies shouldn't get arbitrary powers to shut down businesses.

Licensing law is a matter for the courts, not the cops.

Ministers need to think harder about how to tackle this growing social problem.

**And not punish the law-abiding majority.**

## Blair needs to get a grip

**THE Prime Minister took a pasting for his chummy "call-me-Tony" style of Government yesterday.**

Too much time wasted having cosy chats on the sofa at Number 10.

Too many highly-paid cronies sucking up to the boss.

And not enough attention to detail.

*In a word, this Government is "shameful".*

So says former Civil Service boss Lord Butler.

He should know.

As Cabinet Secretary, Lord Butler witnessed the soppy Downing Street shambles every day.

No wonder violent crime is soaring and hospitals are filthy.

The railways are a mess and the asylum and immigration system is in chaos.

Mr Blair needs to get a grip on reality.

He's supposed to be running the country.

**Not hosting a coffee morning.**

## White Xmas

**CONVICTED cocaine dealer John Tams is playing Santa at his local shopping centre.**

*It's no wonder Rudolph had a red nose!*



# HARRY WANTS ROMP ..GET OFF THE ISLAND

**ISLAND BABE:**  
Harry's new  
girlfriend  
Chelsy Davy  
who arranged  
for their stay  
on the tropical  
shores of  
Bazaruto



## EXCLUSIVE

**TOURISTS were ordered off a tropical isle yesterday to allow a furious Prince Harry to frolic on the beach with his new girlfriend Chelsy Davy.**

Harry threw a tantrum and complained he had become a "prisoner" inside his seaside villa because of the throng of sightseers and pressmen.

Strings were pulled to clear the island of visitors and professional photographers so Harry could cavort in private with his 19-year-old blonde girlfriend.

Harry, 20, was infuriated that holidaymakers had joined paparazzi on the beach waiting to snap the couple.

Word was sent through local councillors on the paradise isle of Bazaruto and up through the ranks to its rulers on nearby Mozambique.

### Upset

Back came the order to security guards supplied by the government to clear the isle.

A security source close to the Prince said: "Harry was really upset because he wanted to sunbathe on the beach and mess around in the sea with Chelsy."

"He said each time he tried to step foot out of their villa people kept approaching him or trying to take pictures of him with Chelsy."

"It got to a point where Harry blew his top and threw a big tantrum over everything."

"He told his own bodyguards how fed up he was. He even talked about packing up and quitting the island at one stage because he was so frustrated and angry."

"Harry said he just wanted to be able to spend time alone with Chelsy because they only had a week together. It was hot and sunny so they were both keen to venture out to the beach."

Late yesterday afternoon security guards from the Mozambique government cleared tourists off the beach.

"They concentrated on those who had been seen trying to take pictures and told them in no uncertain terms to get off the island. The source added: "One of Harry's royal protection squad detectives could be seen approaching some of the people on the beach, having words with them."

"When they didn't move he returned a little while later with the local security guards."

"All of the people, including the one who had been trying particularly hard to take pictures of them, were moved off the beach and then even off the island." The couple flew to the island



**FURIOUS:** Harry felt 'trapped' in his villa

■ by EMILY ROSE

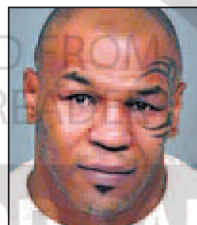
on Wednesday in a private plane owned by Chelsy's wealthy father Charles who owns a large holiday safari centre in their native Zimbabwe.

He is thought to be paying for their £20,000 week-long stay on Bazaruto.

Leggy Chelsy, 19, who is believed to have arranged the trip, was also described as being "upset and moody" at not being able to venture outside.



**PARADISE:** The isle of Bazaruto where Harry wanted some fun in the sun



**ARRESTED:** Mike Tyson

## Tyson faces prison

**BOXER** Mike Tyson is facing nearly six years in jail after being charged with criminal damage.

He allegedly jumped on the bonnet of a car and pounded it with his fists after the driver stopped to let people cross the street.

The former world heavyweight champion, 38, is said to have caused nearly £1,000 damage.

### Repairs

Because of his previous convictions, including rape, he faces a maximum five years and nine months in prison.

But the driver of the car, Asaf Alkadid, 22, doesn't want to see Tyson jailed.

He simply wants him to pay for the repairs.

He said: "He should not have done what he did, but I just want my hood fixed."

The incident took place outside a nightclub in Scottsdale, Arizona.

## BALLOON GLOOM

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## A silenced night

A SHOPPING centre will have a silent night after showing its local choral society the door.

The Carlton Lanes centre in Castleford, West Yorks, stopped the annual carol concert because the singers would block a fire exit.

The 30-strong choir has been bringing festive cheer to shoppers and raising cash for charity for eight years and the Rector of Castleford, the Rev Stan Bindoff said: "I fear this is just down to jobsworths and political correctness." Shopping centre manager Angie Cockcroft said: "I would move mountains to accommodate our community groups but we have to be sensible in this day and age."

■ **A MENTALLY-ILL man shot dead by police when he refused to drop a samurai sword was lawfully killed, an inquest jury ruled yesterday.** Andrew Kernan, 37, was making his way to a busy pub in Liverpool in 2001 when police opened fire after he ignored requests to drop the sword.

## Sex case remand

A WHEEL clamber accused of a series of violent and sexual attacks against a woman was remanded in custody yesterday.

Levi Bellfield, 36, formerly of West Drayton, west London, is charged with rape, grievous bodily harm, assault and a serious sexual offence. The attacks on the woman, now 33, are alleged to have taken place in Twickenham, south-west London, between 1995 and 1997.

Bellfield did not appear at the hearing at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday. He was remanded in custody to appear at the same court via a video link from HMP Wandsworth on December 13.



## SORRY ROD BUT IT'S LIGHTS OUT

ROD Stewart has been shown the red card over his plan for floodlit football at his country mansion.

The rocker, 59, wanted to have six 45ft floodlight pylons built on his full-size pitch. But they were branded "inappropriate" by planning bosses, who feared they would dazzle the neighbours. The singer's pitch lies next to his 50-room home on the 180-acre Coppell Hall Estate in Epping Forest, Essex.

### Harm

But a spokesman for the local council said: "It was felt that even when the lights weren't on, the columns would be visible and harm the character and appearance of the conservation area."



PITCH: Football fan Rod

## Burnt on a baa crawl

A NATIVITY pub crawl turned to horror when a drunken student dressed as a sheep caught fire.

The 18-year-old, with 20 students in fancy dress, suffered burns to his backside when his tail was set alight in the Broad Street area of Birmingham.

## First-timer bike death

A MAN who had never driven before set off on a 600cc bike while drunk and died after hitting a wall.

An accidental death verdict was recorded on Terry Hale, 23, of Cirencester, Glos. He was three times the limit and suffered head injuries.

# Lauren

**LUSTY** Lauren Pope loves pulling a cracker at Christmas. And she's got a track record for pulling some of the best.

Chelsea footballer John Terry and even Prince Harry are said to have fallen for the 22-year-old Torquay model's charms.

And with these saucy red frillies on, she will certainly make any festive party go with a bang.



Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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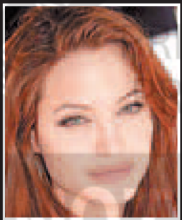
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TWO LOVERS: Angelina

## A Lara men in her life

MOVIE beauty Angelina Jolie has confessed she has two secret lovers – and a booming sex-life.

Angelina, 29, who has split from her husband actor Billy Bob Thornton, 49, has revealed she is having a “wild and fun” time.

And she hopes her fellaes are enjoying it as much as she is.

But the Lara Croft star also made it clear she doesn't want another husband or proper boyfriend.

### Fun

Twice-married Angelina revealed: “I have mainly two very close lovers. Wonderful men.”

“I’ve been married so much in my life, I never really had lovers.”

“So it’s been a kind of fun time.”

“Hopefully the men are enjoying it as well.”

The stunning actress, whose new movie Alexander opens in the UK on January 7, also hinted that one of her lovers might be English. She said: “The English might be repressed, but they’re good in bed.”

**DRINKING too much at office Christmas parties costs British business £65million in lost productivity. A million workers are too ill to come in the next day – and 80% told a health survey this year they’ll be drinking more than at previous bashes.**

## Justice go slow

BRITAIN'S first US-style community justice centre got off to a slow start yesterday when the first three defendants failed to show up.

Judge David Fletcher was left looking at his watch and forced to issue an arrest warrant for Tracy Cavanagh.

Miss Cavanagh, 28, who was facing charges of drunken and disorderly behaviour eventually turned up 90 minutes late.

Out of the 12 cases heard only three were resolved with six adjourned and two listed by mistake.

Reflecting on his first day in the £113,000 a-year post Judge Fletcher dismissed the no shows as “teething problems”.

### 1st CLASS YOBS

THIEVES hacked down 11 postboxes packed with Christmas cards and presents from lamp-posts in eight villages in Somerset.

# Santa is a secret cocaine pedlar on day release from local prison



**A SANTA sparked fury last night after he was exposed as a convicted cocaine dealer.**

John Tams, 50, dons his white beard, red suit and boots to thrill children visiting a shopping mall café.

But angry parents hit out last night after it was revealed he was a Christmas crackhead.

In October 2003 he was jailed for five years and nine months after admitting five charges of supplying cocaine. And he was ordered by a judge to hand over the £2,665 profit from his vile trade to help the fight against drug barons.

After serving just eight months of

by JERRY LAWTON

his sentence the dad-of-four was out on day release from Kirklevington Grange prison, Yarm, North Yorks.

And Home Office bosses amazingly backed his bid to play Santa at the café in Middlesbrough.

They say it proves Tams wants to “put something back into the community”.

### Sick

One furious parent who banned his six-year-old boy from visiting Tams said: “I can’t think of anything sicker.”

Horrified North East Euro MP Martin Callanan said Tams should not have been allowed out of prison

## Come brawl ye faithful

THE biggest gathering of Santas the world has ever seen ended in a brawl. Police used CS spray and drew their batons to break up trouble involving up to 30 people following the world-record breaking Santa fun-run.

More than 4,200 runners donned Santa suits to raise thousands for charity. But a few hours after the event

many of the runners were drunk. Four officers were hurt during the disturbance in Newtown, Mid Wales and five men were arrested for public order offences. All five were released on bail pending police inquiries.

Pc Gareth Slaymaker said: “This is the sort of behaviour that gives a well-organised event a bad name.”

so soon. He asked: “How on earth can he get a 69-month sentence for dealing in cocaine and be on day release after just eight months?”

Former market trader Tams has been working at The Royal Café on day release for the past six months, where he has been taught to cook, clean and serve.

He said: “I’ve been helping out as much as I can and I’ve learned to make a mean mince and dumplings.”

“I decided we should build a grotto because all the young mums come in here every day with their little ones and we wanted to make it more Christmassy for them. We put it together from whatever Christmas decorations we could find.”

“It turns out I’m a natural Santa. I thought I’d feel awkward but I pulled on the suit and boots and they all fit perfectly.”

“The people are great round here – really down to earth. It feels good to help out.”

Café manager and mum-of-five Karen Evans, 38, said Tams has been a model Santa. She added: “John’s the best Santa I’ve ever seen.”

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YO HO HO: Santa Tams has his hands full. Inset, Tams unmasked

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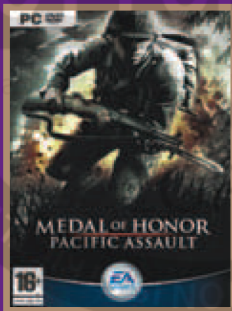
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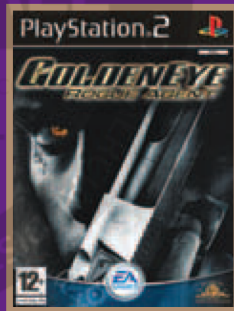


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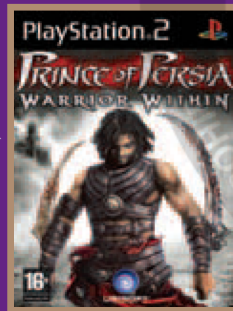
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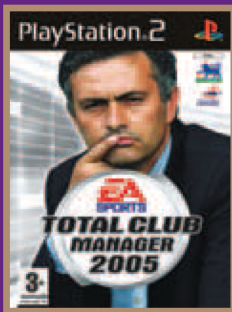
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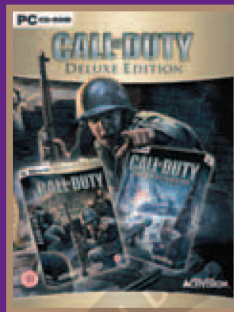
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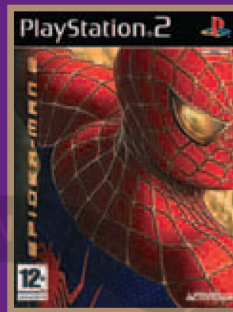
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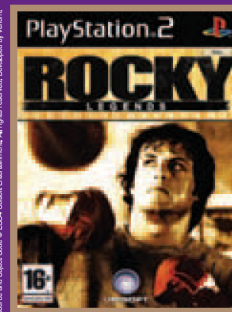
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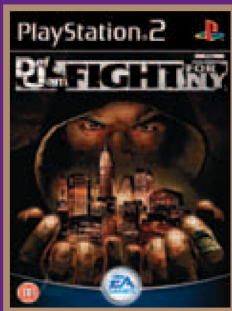
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# PROBED: TOP COP WHO SAID 'LET'S SHOOT MUSLIMS'



PROTEST: Manchester Muslims demonstrate in Rusholme

**A TOP policeman is under investigation over claims that he said machine-guns should be erected on motorways to shoot Muslims yobs.**

■ by JAMES WICKHAM

Supt David Keller reportedly made the comment at a debriefing after his force arrested 43 people during an Islamic religious festival.

He is alleged to have suggested that one way of avoiding further trouble was to "shoot them before they get a chance to come into our city centre".

Supt Keller, who is commander of Moss Side police in Manchester, has apologised for making "a comment" - and yesterday

the Independent Police Complaints Commission, which is supervising the inquiry, confirmed the "racist" content of the alleged outburst.

An IPCC spokesman said: "The allegations do mention the fact it involved racist comments - specifically racist comments against Muslims." The spokesman added that a report suggesting that the allegation against Supt Keller was that he said "shoot them before they get a chance to come into our city centre" was "accurate".

The three-day Eid festival in Manchester led to the largest-ever number of arrests for violent disorder and other crimes.

Most of the trouble came from outsiders who hired expensive high-performance cars to drive up and down city centre roads to impress onlookers.

## Tensions

The thugs revved their engines, did handbrake turns and raced around the area - risking lives and increasing tension in the city's Rusholme area.

After the arrests Mr Keller allegedly expressed

his opinion on how to keep outsiders away.

A junior officer is thought to have complained about his comments.

Greater Manchester Police confirmed yesterday that an inquiry is under way into Mr Keller's alleged remarks, supervised by the IPCC.

A spokesman said: "GMP Internal Affairs Branch can confirm that they are investigating allegations that inappropriate com-

ments were made by a senior police officer at an internal meeting at Longsight Police Station." A police colleague who asked not to be identified defended Mr Keller saying: "This officer's remarks are not racist and have been taken out of context."

## Apology

"He is confident he will be vindicated."

Supt Keller has sent a personal apology around stations on the division.

Part of it reads: "I made a comment which has caused offence to some of the people at the meeting. I offer my full apologies for any offence caused."

Last March several Greater Manchester police officers quit the force after the BBC's Secret Policeman programme.

Secret video footage showed racism at a police training college near Warrington including one officer - Pc Rob Pulling, from North Wales Police - dressed in a Ku Klux Klan-style hood.

He was recorded saying he would kill an Asian.

## War on 09 cons

**SAFEGUARDS** to protect people from high-charging premium rate phone lines were revealed yesterday.

They follow growing worries about 09 number scams.

Watchdog Ofcom is recommending stronger rules and higher fines for rogue firms.

Network providers have been told to delay paying money to premium rate firms for at least 30 days.

## Julia's tot joy

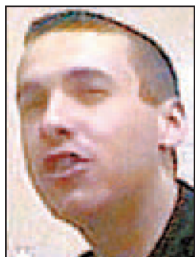
**FILM** star Julia Roberts, 37, has finally taken her baby twins home from hospital after a health scare for daughter Hazel Patricia.

Phinnaeus Walter and Hazel were born five weeks early, but the baby girl, who at 4lb 5oz weighed slightly less than her brother, was kept in an incubator.

The scare was due to breathing difficulties but a family friend said Hazel was doing "just fine".



KLAN POSE: Cop recruit



SHAMED: Pc Rob Pulling

## UNDER INVESTIGATION: Supt Dave Keller

# Al-Qaida threat by sea

■ by ROBERT AUST

AL-QAIDA is set to stage a September 11-style attack by water in the next 12 months, UK security experts said yesterday.

Even if the terror "spectacular" failed, it would still throw the global economy into chaos. Just capturing a ship on the key Red Sea route between Europe and Asia could cause a world trade crisis.

And an attempt can be expected, following the recent appoint-

ment of maritime terror specialist Saud Hamud Al-Utaibi as head of al-Qaida in Saudi Arabia.

The warning comes from Aegis Defence Services, the British firm headed by Lieut Col Tim Spicer with a £150million US government contract to provide "security services" in Iraq. Intelligence director Dominic

Armstrong said: "Ideally from their point of view it would be a spectacular - a big bang to get people's attention - but it would not need to be."

A marine attack would impact on shipping insurance premiums which would put the Red Sea out of bounds, he warned.

Osama bin Laden has repeatedly urged fellow fanatics to pick targets which will damage Western economies.



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OH what a night! Kate looked, er, tired when she left the O2 Music's Hero2Hero at London's Shepherd's Bush Empire. She didn't want to be photographed with Jefferson, so sneaked out hoping to go unnoticed. As if. Former *Libertines* frontman **Pete Doherty** (below) who'd performed at the event with new band *Babyshambles*, looked...a shambles. As ever. So it was left to **Ronnie Woods's** daughter **Leah** (bottom right), who'd just seen dad on stage, to crack a smile, so to speak...

# THE GOSS

With **KATIE HIND**, **LEIGH PURVES** and **AMY WATTS**

## BOOZY KATE WITH HACK

**KATE Moss** has been reunited with former partner **Jefferson Hack** just in time for some family festivities.

The Croydon-born supermodel, who goes through men quicker than we discard Jimmy Choos, gave a public display of affection for Jefferson during a boozy reunion.

Kate, 30, far left, and the father of her two-year-old daughter **Lila Grace**, got together at the Shepherd's Bush Empire.

Jefferson, left, who currently holds the record for staying attached to the flighty star, joined her for O2 Music's Hero2Hero, *The Charlatans* with **Ronnie Wood**.

And it wasn't long before astonished onlookers saw the former golden couple lock

### EXCLUSIVE

tongues and dive in for some serious smooching. Now we hear Kate is planning a private family Christmas at her Notting Hill home – just herself, Lila and of course daddy makes three.

An insider told us: "Kate and Jefferson have remained close and neither of them have found anyone else to get serious with, so the sparks still fly between them."

"He's the only guy she's ever even remotely settled with and of course Lila is a real bond between them."

"Kate's really excited about Christmas because her little girl is getting a sense of the world and will be able to enjoy it."

"Rekindling her affection for Jefferson is just a natural step."

But certain folk in Kate's set believe there's a much more mundane reason for her dalliance with publisher Hack.

### Sexy

One told us: "We've all been there. You're a bit tipsy, your ex is on hand and you can't help thinking how great you still are together... one thing leads to another."

"They're both sexy people, get on like a house on fire and are brilliant parents to Lila."

"But there's nothing more there and they won't be getting back together."

Kate's last serious relationship was with Chester-born actor **Daniel Craig**, 36.

They met at the house of **Samantha Morton**, 27, and were said to be "besotted".

After that affair ended she was linked to Jackass star **Johnny Knoxville**, 33, and most recently shop-worker **Chris Malcolm**, 36.

● **Ronnie** has a rock 'n' roll strop – Page 20

## A cut above

FORGET the "Rachel", hair salons across the country are being bombarded with partygoers demanding to be made over with a "Sophie".

Yep, everyone wants Sophie Anderton's post-jungle cut.

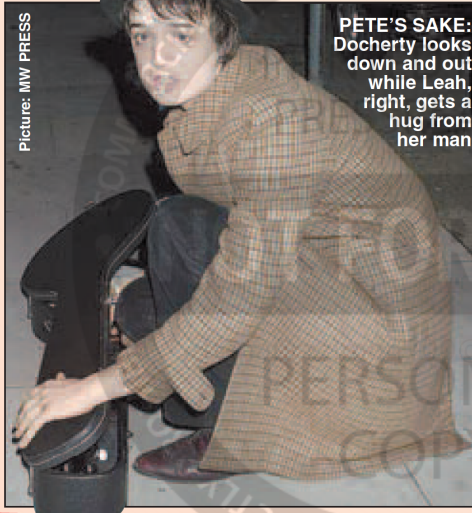
Andrew Barton, Saks International Creative Director said: "Clients are coming into Saks salons nationwide in their droves, requesting a 'Sophie'."

It's a sexy, sassy versatile haircut that's come just at the right time when people want a change for Christmas, or want to make an impression at the festive parties."

Or if you just want to get those jungle bugs out of your hair...



Picture: MW PRESS



**PETE'S SAKE:** Docherty looks down and out while Leah, right, gets a hug from her man



Picture: NIKKI BLACKXPOSURE

## QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...QUICKIES...

**TARA Palmer-Tomkinson**, right, is planning festive frolics over Christmas when she'll enjoy a mega spending spree in New York with her mum.

The 32-year-old telly queen has let slip she'll be returning to Blighty with bags and bags of sale items and as many pairs of new shoes as she can carry.

A girl after our own hearts.



**BRIT** star **Kate Beckinsale**, right, has revealed she checks into hotels under the name **Sigourney Beaver**.

The 31-year-old actress uses the fake moniker in a bid to try and avoid the press.

She said: "I check in as **Sigourney Beaver**!"

Memo to Kate: Change your check-in name or you'll be bombarded by lusty lads now...



**CELEBRITY** stalker **Avid Merriam** has caused chaos ahead of signing his new Christmas single on Monday.

The joker, due at Oxford Street's Virgin store at 6pm, has told organisers he'll be as unpredictable as possible.

A source said: "Avid will be signing copies of I've Got You Babe along with **Davina McCall**, 36, and **Patsy Kensit**, 36. It'll be bedlam."

## SHELL & STU'S EAR ACHE...

THOSE lovebirds **Michelle Bass**, 23, and **Stuart Wilson**, 21, have been shacked up together making sweet music, we can reveal.

The Big Brother 5 couple have been holed up in a studio recording a cover of *Everlasting Love*.

An insider said: "It's gonna be big. They have great voices." Please spare us, PLEASE.

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## SPOTTED

IN London: Bridget Jones star **Sally Phillips** at Swiss Cottage tuben, **Seal** with **Heidi Klum** at Heathrow, **Girls Aloud's Nicola Roberts** looking at her band's calendar in Virgin, Camden Town, **McKenzie Crook** strolling in Chalk Farm, **Cilla Black** leaving The Ivy and **Dale Winton** driving through Knightsbridge in an open-top car.

## HUSH HUSH

WHICH larger-than-life TV personality was left flustered when she tried to pay for lingerie in Harrods but her cards were refused. After making excuses her funds mustn't have cleared, the busty woman was forced to return her goods. So she tried her luck in another department store but this time paid by cheque!

# BACK



GOOD to see **Tracy Shaw** looking so blooming marvellous and on such fine form when she attended a charity auction at Christies, London. The 31-year-old actress, seven months pregnant with her first child, looked radiant in purple as she chatted with **Sophie Dahl**, 25, **Joseph Fiennes**, 34, and **Claudia Schiffer**, 34, at the Cancer Relief Celebrity Christmas Stocking Auction and said she "feels great".



## Zeta all white on the night

STUNNING **Catherine Zeta Jones** plays a secret agent in *Ocean's Twelve* – but we spied oceans of thigh as the Welsh beauty dared to bare at the premiere.

The 35-year-old actress displayed real star quality in her stunning white low-cut dress at Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

Sizzling TV presenter **Lisa Snowden**, 30, above, opted for a similar look. She's back with *Ocean's* co-star **George Clooney**, 43, who's had surgery on a back problem sustained while working on his new film *Syriana*.



Pictures: REUTERS



## It's gotta be G4 for crown

WE'RE backing **G4** to have the **X Factor** and win the final heat this Saturday on ITV1.

The lovely lads – **Jonathan Ansell**, 22, **Matt Stiff**, 24, **Ben Thapa**, 22, and **Michael Christie**, 23, had our **Katie** and **Leigh** laughing aloud they went partying with them, pictured left.

And they revealed they're sticking with their mentor **Louis Walsh**, 54. Jon said: "Whatever happens we're really happy with Louis."

Walsh loves them all to bits. He said: "They're all just so talented it's untrue. They certainly deserve to win."

This Saturday will see them up against 45-year-old **Simon Cowell's** crooner **Steve Brockstein**, 35. Howay the lads!

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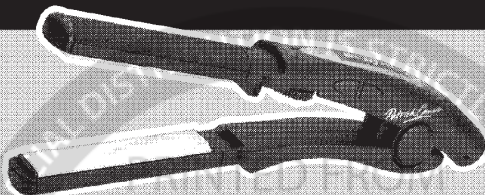
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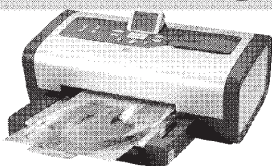
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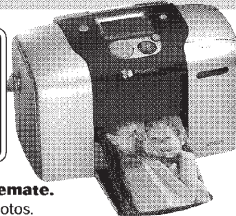
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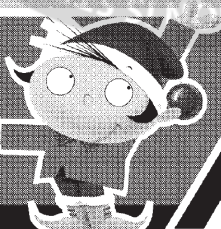
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SUPPORT: Champ Ricky

## Hatton hit for fathers

BOXING champ Ricky "Hitman" Hatton took on the establishment yesterday by pledging support for Fathers4Justice. The 26-year-old WBU world light-welterweight champion met with paternity rights campaigners as he geared up for Saturday's fight against Ray Olivier.

Wearing a Fathers4Justice T-shirt at his gym in Denton, Greater Manchester, Ricky told campaigner Elaine Risk: "I don't know what I would do if I was stopped from seeing my son."

### Touch

Ricky, from Hattersley, Gtr Manchester, who has won all 36 of his fights since turning pro in 1997, has a four-year-old son named Campbell.

He added: "While adults can fall out, it should not affect the child's right to see its mum and dad - especially at Christmas."

Elaine, 44, of Newall Green, Manchester, said she was put in touch with Ricky after meeting a friend of his a month ago when she appeared in court for her part in a Fathers4Justice protest.

OFFICE parties have been branded a waste of time - and most workers would rather do Christmas shopping. Four out of five office staff polled said they would prefer time off instead of boozing with colleagues.

Don't miss



FILMS & VIDS

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### MIRACLE ESCAPE

TWO men survived when a small plane crashed at RAF Linton-on-Ouse, North Yorks, yesterday. Rescuers described it as "a miracle".

# JUNGLE BRIAN: IT'S DOLE TIME FOR ME



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## Geri's stamp of approval

POP babe Geri Halliwell puts on a first class show as she celebrates a red letter day for the Royal Mail. Postal bosses expect to sell a record 30 million stamps today as Brits get ready to send their Christmas cards. Curvy Geri, 32, spiced up the bumper sales celebrations by

posing for snappers at London's Peacock Theatre. Julietta Edgar, head of Royal Mail's special stamps division, said: "Traditionally the end of this week is the busiest for stamp sales. This is Christmas card writing weekend - and Monday will be our busiest day for posting cards."

### JUNGLE flop Brian Harvey flew out of Australia last night and back to the dole queue.

His hopes of landing a new record deal have fallen flat.

And former pop heart-throb Brian, 30, is so broke he will have to sign on as soon as he gets home. His dreams of making a bundle from I'm A Celebrity were shattered when he lost a £30,000 newspaper contract because he was quoted in rival publications.

### Loser

The singer totally flipped in his luxury hotel room, moaning: "That's f\*\*\*ing great. I really needed that money. I'm faced with having to f\*\*\*ing sign on when I get home." It was revealed he has received a smaller sum from another newspaper. But a show source said: "Brian was a loser in the jungle and looks like being the biggest loser now he's out."

The singer, who lasted just six days in the jungle, has blown the £1.3million he

### EXCLUSIVE by PETER DYKE

earned from his career with E17. Two years ago he filed for bankruptcy.

Before getting on the plane last night with his fiancée, 25-year-old model Emma B, he revealed: "All I want for Christmas is a record deal." And he said of his jungle ordeal: "I just hope being on the show has brought me some luck after what I've been through."

Brian almost pulled out 24 hours before the show was due to start.

When he landed in Australia he was told his gran Betty Nabb, 70, had died.

KING of the Jungle Joe Pasquale's deal to advertise Jacob's Cream Crackers will include having his face on the packet. The comic, 43, proved a hit with his catchphrase "Ooh, me Jacob's!"

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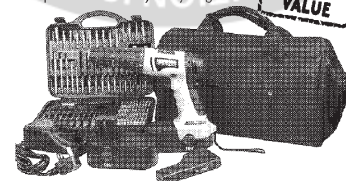


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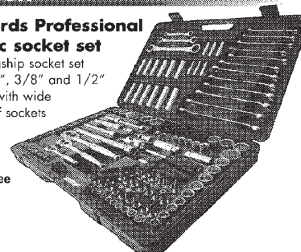
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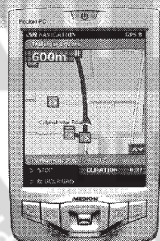
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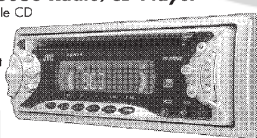
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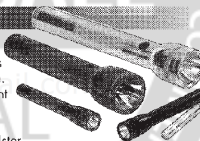
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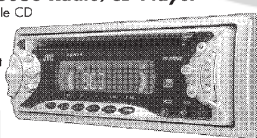
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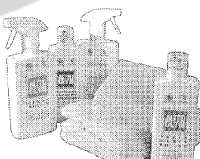
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## Copter 4 found dead

■ by ROSS KANIUK

FOUR bodies were found yesterday on the seabed near the wreckage of their doomed Royal Navy Lynx helicopter.

The chopper came down 15 miles off Cornwall's Lizard Peninsula during a rescue mission.

Earlier, the crew of the Falmouth lifeboat had found pieces of debris in the sea and had reported smelling aviation fuel.

The helicopter was operating out of the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, Somerset before it crashed on Wednesday night.

# BARK RAVING MAD



HAMMER BLOW: The digger that Jessett, right, used



FLATTENED: The Sutton Volvo after Jessett had finished

## Dogs drive a neighbour to destruction

■ by ELIZABETH JAMES

**A MAN driven mad by the barking of his neighbours' dogs drove round in his digger and flattened their car.**

Normally mild-mannered Ian Jessett, 44, positioned the digger's bucket over the car and brought it crashing down onto the roof twice.

The owners Wendy Sutton, 42, and husband Paul, 43, arrived home from a dog exhibition to find a note on the door saying their Alsations had been barking and accusing them of "un-neighbourly behaviour".

Soon after, Jessett came to their front door to berate them about the dogs' noise.

He then told the astonished couple: "By the way, I have trashed your car and it is a good job you arrived home when you did because I was going to have a go at your house."

Mr Sutton, the manager of a butcher's business, went outside with a torch and discovered the mangled wreck of their Volvo. The couple then called the police.

### Cry

Jessett, who runs an IT company, was fined £800 at Thetford magistrates' court, Norfolk, yesterday after he admitted criminal damage.

He claimed he had been driven to distraction by the barking for the last two years.

He had even tried buying an ultrasound device and aiming it at the dogs, hoping the low sound waves would stop them barking.

His solicitor Malcolm Plummer told the court that Jessett, from Stow Bedon, Norfolk, had absolutely no peace and could not sit in his garden for the noise.

Mr Plummer added: "Perhaps it would have been more logical for him to have gone round and shot the dogs."

"But he did what he did as a cry for attention - a rather bizarre and dangerous one."

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**SHOCK:** Wendy Sutton called the police but her Alsations, below, are now under control



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# Steve lashes Louis

**X FACTOR** hunk Steve Brookstein branded rival judge Louis Walsh an "irritating little man" last night.

As tensions rose before tomorrow night's final, Steve, 36, was clearly hurt by Walsh's comment this week that he "looked like Fred West"

He said: "I don't have any respect for Louis or his opinions. He is an irritating little man."

Walsh's G4 band will be singing second on tomorrow's show after winning the toss of a coin yesterday.

More than five million votes are expected and judge Simon Cowell said: "Last week there was only 1.5% between these two acts. It is going to be very close."

# Bigger Brother

**CELEBRITY** Big Brother will be "bigger and better" in the New Year, TV bosses pledged last night.

Eight housemates – two more than before – will enter the house on January 6.

Those in the frame are said to include Abi Titmuss, 28, EastEnder Chris Parker, 21, model Victoria Silvstedt, 30, self-proclaimed "Son of God" David Icke, 52, and former footballer Frank McAvennie, 44.

A spokesman said: "There will be a few twists and surprises."

# NATASHA AWAY ON HER TOES



■ by NIGEL PAULEY  
**SEXY** Natasha Kaplinsky  
will stay away from tomor-  
row night's *Strictly Come*  
*Dancing* final to give  
Brendan Cole a break.

The newsreader, who won the first series with Cole, has turned down an invite to go to Blackpool.

And sources claim she did not want to get caught up in the crossfire between Cole and his "other women".

The cocky Kiwi, 28, will be with ex-dance partner Sarah Manners, 28, and ex-fiancée Camilla Dallerup, 30, for the first time in nearly a month.

He has been involved in a war of words with both of them since being voted off the show.

Cole branded *Casualty* star Sarah "a bitch" and she said he was a "bully".

**Warned**

BBC bosses warned him to clean up his act and threatened to boot him off future shows over Sarah's claims.

Camilla said he broke her heart by pursuing an "unprofessional" relationship with Natasha, 32.

A BBC source revealed: "Natasha's really cut Brendan a break. She obviously feels it would be more diplomatic staying away.

"Brendan hasn't been his usual arrogant self. The idea of dancing with Sarah again isn't something he is looking forward to."

"And he'll also be trying to steer clear of Camilla."

"He knows his role in the show is hanging by a thread and he is trying to avoid trouble."

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## Solo Ant's all heart

**BLUE'S** Anthony Costa paid for his family and girlfriend to see his first solo show.

He coughed up for Mr and Mrs C plus former Emmerdale honey **Adele Silva**, 24, as the UN-organised event was for charity. Ant, 23, told me: "It was good to be part of something so worthwhile."

## GIVE US A BELL

**DICK** Valentine, frontman of rock pranksters **Electric Six**, let me know what's on his mind.

Your cover of **Queen's** Radio Ga Ga has come in for a lot of stick from Queen fans. Does it worry you? We've been covering that song for two years. It's gone over so well on so many occasions. I guess Queen are one of those bands who have such rabid fans. There's a reason why no band has ever covered a Queen track. I guess you can only apologise.

Have you got any famous pals back in Detroit?

Sure, we hang out with **Jack White** and **The Von Bondies**, but when I see them we never talk about music. There's only about three clubs to go to in Detroit, so every weekend there is an event.

Where's the best place you've played? Ibiza was amazing. We went to Manumission this summer, but there were too many topless women there for my liking. I wouldn't know a superstar DJ if one hit me, but it's good to be a fish out of water.

You're not a very "cool" band are you?

Well, no, but this band has never been about image. Seeing a band for 40 minutes shouldn't be mired in someone's cool - it should be entertaining.

What's on your iPod?

It's whatever I get turned onto by other people. I'm listening to **The Fiery Furnaces** are really good too.



## Duran beat their Brum

**DURAN Duran** will play their biggest British show in 21 years next summer in Birmingham.

The Wild Boys have turned down offers from the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Hampden Park and other British stadia to play their hometown's St Andrew's football ground on Saturday May 28, with very special guests in support. Next month they release a new single *What Happens Tomorrow*.



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I'll be giving you the low-down on Jem at the end of the year when I tip her as **THE** one to watch for 2005.

Save Me will be a huge hit. Almost UK Garage-like in places.

Come On Closer will be big - and it's about blow-jobs.

She also covered *Dub Be Good To Me* and **Stevie Wonder's** *Masterblaster*. I'm excited.

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